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May 8, 2007

The Honorable Timothy S. Bee  
President  
Arizona State Senate  
1700 West Washington Street  
Senate Office Building  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1183: early graduation scholarship program; funding

Dear President Bee:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1183, which would have offered scholarships to in-state and out-of-state post secondary institutions and vocational programs for students who graduate early from public high schools or charter schools.

I share the goal of the sponsor of this bill to increase scholarship assistance and reward both our schools and our students who achieve academic excellence. Unfortunately, this bill was amended hastily through the striker process and flaws that could easily have been fixed were not.

One such flaw is that there is no requirement that the institution or vocational program that the student wishes to attend be accredited. Public scholarship monies should go only to accredited institutions and programs. A second flaw is that the bill leaves to each school district and charter school the administrative burden and discretion for awarding scholarships, determining what constitutes a qualifying school, and ensuring that the student remains eligible for the scholarship. This essentially would create hundreds of school bureaucracies with no uniformity of eligibility criteria or accountability. If we are to do a program like this, it should be run by a single agency accountable for achieving consistent, appropriate, and reliable results.

I look forward to working with the bill sponsor to address these and other problems with this bill.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature of Janet Napolitano in dark ink.

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

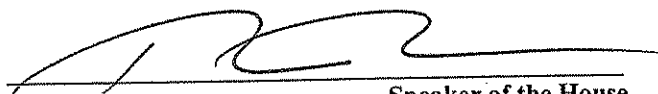
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cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers  
The Honorable Jay Tibshraeny

Passed the House April 23, 20 07,

by the following vote: 52 Ayes,

3 Nays, 5 Not Voting



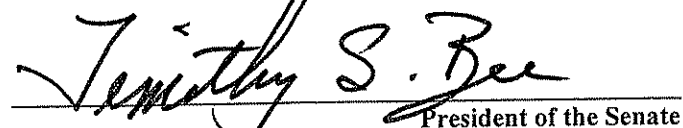
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Pro Tempore

  
Chief Clerk of the House

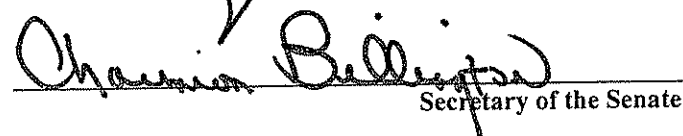
Passed the Senate February 26, 20 07,

by the following vote: 26 Ayes,

4 Nays, 0 Not Voting



President of the Senate

  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE  
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate May 2, 20 07

by the following vote: 20 Ayes,

9 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Timothy S Bee  
President of the Senate

Charmian Billington  
Secretary of the Senate

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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

2nd day of May, 20 07

at 11:05 o'clock a M.

Jennifer Upbarra  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

at VETO o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 9 day of May, 20 07

at 8:35 o'clock A M.

Janice K. Brewer  
Secretary of State

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